

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Remarks**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 30-58 are pending in this application. The Examiner issued an Election of Species. The Species indicated by the Examiner include:

- Group I: Claims 30-33, 34 in part, 35 and 49-58;
- Group II: Claims 34 in part, 36 in part and 37-39;
- Group III: Claims 34 in part, 36 in part and 37-39;
- Group IV: Claims 40-41 in part, 42, 43 and 46-48;
- Group V: Claims 40-41 in part, and 44-48

Applicants herein elect Group I claims 30-33, 34, 35 and 49-58 and the species as follows:

1. A single agent binding growth hormone receptors
 - (a) Growth hormone;
2. A single agent effecting an increase in the active concentration of an agent which binds neural growth hormone receptors:
 - (b) GHRH;
3. A single secondary neuroprotective agent:
 - (b) GPE; and
4. A single neuronal insult:
stroke.

Applicants withdraw claims 36-48 without prejudice, being drawn to non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute withdrawn claims and others in continuing applications.

Applicants herein elect the species of neuronal insult to be stroke. Support for this species can be found in the specification at least on page 18 line 19. New claim 59 is drawn to this species.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including January 5, 2006.

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Please note the change of Attorney Docket Number. The new docket number is
NRNZ-01006 US0 DBB.

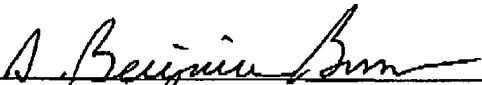
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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